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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the computer generated translation of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. Hei. 11(1999)-260320, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the computer generated translation is enclosed.

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